

*Homoptera Andina: Die Zikaden des Kordillerengebietes von Südamerika nach Systematik und Verbreitung*, von A. JACOBI. — I. *Cicadidae*. (Abhandlungen und Berichte des Königl. Zoologischen und Anthropologisch-Ethnographischen Museums zu Dresden.) Band xi. (5). 1907. 4to. Pp. 28.

THE present work offers us a synopsis of the Cicadidæ of all the Pacific States of South America, from the southern limits of the fauna included in the 'Fauna Boreali-Americana' to Chile in the south, and to Venezuela and the Upper Amazon districts on the east.

Seventy-two species are enumerated in the present work, of which no less than forty-four are figured (occasionally with additional details) on the large double plate accompanying the paper. Eight species are represented in colour, the rest being plain, and seven species are described as new. New species, or those which have been insufficiently described, are noticed at length, but the others often very briefly. On p. 5 a useful diagram of neururation &c. is given according to the system of Stål. Limited faunistic works like the present, especially when well illustrated, are of great value in extending our knowledge of the details of a subject so vast as Entomology. W. F. K.

*Précis des Caractères génériques des Insectes, disposés dans un ordre naturel par le Citoyen Latreille*. A Paris, chez Prévôt, Libraire, Quai des Augustins, et à Brive, chez F. Bourdeaux, Imprimeur Libraire. A Brive, de l'Imprimerie des F. Bourdeaux, au 5 de la R. [1796]. Pp. xiv, 208. Imprimé à 200 Exemplaires pour A. Hermann. MCCCCEVII.

WE alluded recently to a work published on the early life of the great French entomologist Latreille, who stood in a somewhat similar relationship to Cuvier as that occupied by Fabricius towards Linné. Latreille was born in 1762, and died in 1833. After his almost miraculous escape from death during the early days of the Revolution he devoted himself to entomology with great ardour, 74 entries (from 1792 onwards) figuring in Hagen's 'Bibliotheca Entomologica' under his name. The work before us is a reprint of one of the rarest of entomological books, of which only a few copies are known to be in existence; and it is also the earliest of the important series of books on systematic entomology which made Latreille's name famous. It includes the characters in French of all the genera of Insects, Arachnida, Crustacea, and Myriopoda, divided into 14 Orders. No species are mentioned, and no types are assigned even to new genera; but this omission was fully rectified by the publication (1802-1805) of the largest and most valuable of Latreille's works, his great 'Histoire naturelle, générale et particulière, des Crustacés et des Insectes,' in 14 volumes. We are glad that the numerous entomological libraries which do not possess the 'Précis' will now be able to place at least the reprint on their shelves.